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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: ASSYRIANS AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES

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1. ATHENS UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE HASELMAN HAS CONFIRMED
RECEIPT OF GOG APPROVAL FOR PROCESSING REFUGEES AT ATHEHS.
CONDITIONS ARE:

- A) REFUGEES TO SIGN STATEMENT THEY WILL NOT ATTEMPT
REMAIN IN GREECE.
- B) ALL REFUGEES WILL TRAVEL ON IRC DOCUMENTS.
- C) UNHCR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPENSES.
- D) GOG WILL BE INFORMED OF NAMES AND LOCAL ADDRESSES,
THEIR ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.
- E) GREEK VISAS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR ARRIVAL
OR DEPARTURE OF REFUGEES.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM EMBASSY BEIRUT AND INS
OFFICER ATHENS THAT PROCESSING OF 200 HEADS OF FAMILIES
FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY WILL TAKE PLACE AT BEIRUT THROUGH
WEEK OF MARCH 8, AND IV PROCESSING OF APPROXIMATELY 600
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FAMILY MEMBERS THROUGH MONTH OF MARCH, WITH REMAINDER OF

REFUGEES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ATHENS FOR PROCESSING.

3. CONCERNING LATTER WE ARE IN DARK AS TO TIMING OF ARRIVAL ATHENS AND STATUS OF WCC PREPROCESSING. WE HAVE HEARD INDIRECTLY HOWEVER THAT WCC PLANS TO COMMENCE TRANSFER OF 150 REFUGEES TO ATHENS EVERY OTHER DAY COMMENCING WEEKEND OF MARCH 6/7. IF THIS IS CORRECT WE WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION.

4. US MISSION GENEVA MAY WISH REMIND UNHCR AND WCC GENEVA THAT UNTIL EMBASSY ATHENS IS PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING PLANNED MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES WE WILL BE UNABLE MAKE REQUEST OF EUR/EX FOR TDY OF CONSULAR OFFICER, AND AUTHORITY HIRE TWO P.I.T. EMPLOYEES. AS GENEVA AWARE, ALTHOUGH WE WILL DO OUR BEST WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE ESTABLISH HIGH-GEAR PROCESSING OF REFUGEES PENDING RECEIPT THESE PERSONNEL RESOURCES. IN ADDITION, GENEVA MAY WISH TO REMIND UNHCR AND WCC THAT VISAS EAGLE RE APPLICANTS CANNOT BE INITIATED WITHOUT NAMES OF REFUGEES. AS LATTER REQUIRES WITHHOLDING OF VISAS FOR 15-WORK DAY PERIOD, ACTUAL VISA ISSUANCE CANNOT OCCUR UNTIL AT LEAST 21 TO 22 DAYS AFTER WE RECEIVE NAMES OF APPLICANTS. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE EARLIEST PROCESSING CAN COMMENCE AT ATHENS WOULD BE EARLY OR MIDDLE APRIL, THUS THREATENING TO EXTEND INTO PEAK WORKLOAD PERIOD.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION GENEVA CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING TIMING OF REFUGEE MOVE TO ATHENS, NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS AND STATUS OF WCC PRE-PROCESSING OF PROSPECTIVE VISA APPLICANTS.
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